

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURLAND PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL ON 12th OCTOBER 2020**

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| PRESENT: | Cllr G Denny Cllr S Thompson | Chairman (in the chair) Cllr G Samways |
| APOLOGIES: | Cllr J Pochin Cllr J Thomas Cllr J Scott Cllr M Warburton | Vice-Chairman Cllr A Morris Cllr R Clough |
| ALSO PRESENT | Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East) | |

768 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Thomas, A Morris, J Pochin, R Clough, M Warburton and J Scott. Cllr Scott provided apologies and, in doing so, made the point that she did not think the Parish Council should be meeting in person due to the increasing problems caused by rising infections as part of the pandemic. Cllr Scott further stated that she felt that the meeting should have been held via Zoom.

769 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

There were no declarations of interest.

770 MINUTES – 12th OCTOBER 2020

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council held on 12th October 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

771 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

772 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Despite there being no-one present in person, the Parish Council had received an email from a resident asking for Parish Council advice on a number of items. These included the following: -

- Speeding/Road Safety – the resident asked that the Parish Council get new signage/put new road markings in place and also contact Worlestone Parish Council to get information on their speed management systems. Members said that this work is ongoing and contact will be made with Worlestone PC.
- Flooding – the resident asked when the brook was last dredged and also about ownership of the outfall pipe. Members responded by saying that the brook was the responsibility of the landowner and that United Utilities were the likely owners of the pipe.

It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the resident via email with the information outlined above and would make contact with Worlestone PC.

773 FINANCIAL MATTERS

773 .1 Authorisation of Payments

£234.18

Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Oct 2020)

£58.54

HMRC for month 7 of the tax year (Clerk's salary)

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

773.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2020-30th September 2020)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2020-30th September 2020 was presented to Members for note.

773.3 Budget Monitoring Statement (Quarter 2 2020/21 – April-Sept 2020)

The budget monitoring statement for the second quarter of 2020/21 was presented to Members for note, together with the receipts and payments summary for the same period.

774 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East Council) attended the meeting and reported that he is communicating with Cheshire East Council in a more productive way.

775 COVID-19 REVIEW

It was reported that Cllr Thomas was still in touch with volunteers and vulnerable people and that Cheshire East had been moved into 'Tier 2' in relation to COVID restrictions. It was also reported that the Goodwill Hall would close.

776 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

The Parish Council considered issues relating to highways in the parish and affecting the parish.

776.1 Flooding in the Parish

Cllr Pochin reported that he will chase up the Environment Agency/Cheshire East Council to see when the report will be available.

776.2 Road Safety Issues

Cllr Pochin reported that he had received further correspondence from the local MP including a response from Cheshire East about the road safety situation. The letter stated that the Council is not willing to take any further action in relation to speed limits on the A534.

776.3 Speed Gun

It was reported that there had not been much activity and it was agreed that Cllr Thompson would send a text around to gauge interest. It was further reported that Cllr Thompson had contacted Cllr Long at Brindley and Faddiley Parish Council but had not heard anything back.

776.4 Location of SID

Cllr Clough reported that the SID needs to be repaired and an invoice will be sent to the Council for payment on repairing a broken cable. It was agreed to locate both SIDs to Burland and Clerk will contact TWM for software.

777 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning issues to consider for the Parish Council.

778 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION

- Enforcement Issues – no updates
- Insight Magazine – no updates
- Footpaths – it was reported that the hedges had been done and that footpaths needed to be done
- It was asked whether Spinners Wood would be worked on this year
- Cllrs Denny and Thompson – reported dangerous trees on Swanley Lane but these had not yet been done
- Cllr Denny – asked how a footpath is re-opened – will contact Cheshire East

779 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 9th November 2020.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 8.30pm